

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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CHIKEZIE OTTAH, :  
Plaintiff, : 19 Civ. 8552 (LGS)  
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-against- : ORDER  
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VERIZON SERVICES CORP, :  
Defendant. :  
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LORNA G. SCHOFIELD, District Judge:

WHEREAS, by Order dated February 6, 2020, Defendant's motion to dismiss was converted to a motion for summary judgment on the issues of (i) whether Defendant has infringed the subject patent, and (ii) pro se Plaintiff's standing to sue in light of the absence of his patent co-owners from the suit. Pro se Plaintiff was directed to file evidence, along with any accompanying supplemental briefing, not to exceed 5 double-spaced pages, in opposition to summary judgment within 30 days after Defendant filed further evidence, or by April 6, 2020. Pro se Plaintiff was advised that, although Verizon has the burden of producing evidence, Plaintiff may choose to file any evidence undermining Verizon's arguments and evidence. For example, Verizon has argued in its motion papers that the disclaimers of pro se Plaintiff's patent co-owners of their rights to sue may not be authentic. Pro se Plaintiff therefore may file evidence supporting the authenticity of these disclaimers;

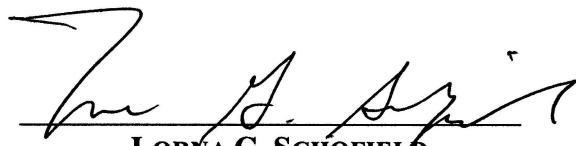
WHEREAS, pro se Plaintiff did not file any evidence or supplemental briefing in opposition to summary judgment by the April 6 deadline. It is hereby

**ORDERED** that if pro se Plaintiff chooses to submit such materials, they shall be filed no later than **April 30, 2020**. If pro se Plaintiff does not file supplemental evidence,

supplemental briefing or a request for an extension, the motion will be deemed fully submitted and ready for decision. It is further

**ORDERED** that Defendant shall serve this Order on pro se Plaintiff via mail and, if possible, via email, and file proof of such service by **April 17, 2020**. It is further **ORDERED** that pro se Plaintiff is advised that, in light of the current global health crisis, parties proceeding pro se are encouraged to submit all filings by email to Temporary\_Pro\_Se\_Filing@nysd.uscourts.gov. Pro se parties also are encouraged to consent to receive all court documents electronically. A consent to electronic service form is attached to this order and is available on the Court's website. Pro se parties who are unable to use email may submit documents by regular mail or in person at the drop box located at the U.S. Courthouses in Manhattan (500 Pearl Street) and White Plains (300 Quarropas Street). For more information, including instructions on this new email service for pro se parties, please visit the Court's website at nysd.uscourts.gov.

Dated: April 15, 2020  
New York, New York



**LORNA G. SCHOFIELD**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**



**United States District Court  
Southern District of New York**

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